

By the Lower House of Assembly, 31st October, 1770.

Read the Second Time, and referred for Consideration on the Second Tuesday of next Session of Assembly.

Signed by Order, John Duckett, Cl. Lo. Ho.

APPENDIX X

AN ACT FOR MORE EFFECTUALLY PREVENTING THE
BUYING AND SELLING OF OFFICES AND TO
PREVENT SIMONIACAL CONTRACTS
NOV. 2, 1770

[THIS ACT NEVER BECAME A LAW. SEE INTRODUCTION, P. xxxii]

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For the avoiding of Corruption which may hereafter happen to be in the Offices and Ministers in those Courts, or Places wherein there is requisite to be had the true Administration of Justice or Services of Trust, and to the Intent that Persons worthy and meet to be advanced to the Place where Justice is to be ministered, or any Service of Trust executed, shall hereafter be preferred to the same, and no other.

Be it enacted and declared, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons, at any Time hereafter, bargain or sell any Office or Offices, or Deputation of any Office or Offices, or any Part or Parcel of any of them, or receive, have, or take any Money, Fee, Reward, or other Profit, directly or indirectly, or take any Promise, Agreement, Covenant, Bond, or any Assurance to receive or have any Money, Fee, Reward, or other Profit, directly or indirectly, for any Office or Offices, or for the Deputation of any Office or Offices, or any Part of any of them, or to the Intent that any Person should have, Exercise, or enjoy any Office or Offices, or the Deputation of any Office or Offices, or any Part of any of them, which Office or Offices, or any Part and Parcel of them, shall in any wise touch or concern the Administration or Execution of Justice, or any Service of Trust to be executed, or which shall concern or touch any Clerkship, to be occupied in any Manner of Court of Record wherein Justice is to be ministered, that then all and every such Person or Persons, that shall so bargain and sell any of the said Office or Offices, Deputation or Deputations, or that shall take any Money, Fee, Reward or Profit, for any of the said Office or Offices, Deputation or Deputations, or any of the said Offices, or any Part of any of them, or that shall take any Promise, Covenant, Bond, or Assurance, for any Money, Reward or Profit, to be given for any of the said Office or Offices, Deputation or Depu-